

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A chest fly box system for holding fishing equipment, comprising:

a base piece for supporting a pocket-sized fly box;

a harness that secures said base piece to the chest of a fisherman, with said base piece resting on the front of said chest and covering less than 50% of said chest in a normal adult human;

a hinge for permitting movement of said fly box from a horizontal to a vertical position; and

a fastener adapted to releasably secure a pocket-sized fly box to said base piece so it the inside of said fly box can be accessed without removing it from said base piece;

wherein said fastener is adapted so that said fly box can be removed from said base piece without using a tool.

Claim 2 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 1, said fastener configured to secure a pocket-sized fly box to said base piece when the fly box is in a vertical closed position and when it is in a horizontal flat position.

3. (Currently Amended) A chest fly box system as in claim 1 ~~wherein said~~ and further including a fishing rod holder is contiguous to said base piece and configured to hold a fishing rod in a horizontal orientation under a pocket-sized fly box supported on said base piece.

Claim 4 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 1, characterized in that said base piece comprises a vertical chest plate and a horizontal support plate, said vertical chest plate and said horizontal support plate forming a right angle, said chest plate having an upper edge, a lower edge, a chest-side surface and an outside surface, said support plate having an inner edge, an outer edge, a first side edge and a second side edge, a top surface, a bottom surface, a support plate width, and a support plate length, said inner edge contiguous with said lower edge of said chest plate, said support plate width and said support plate length being adequate to support a pocket-sized fly box in its vertical closed position.

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Claim 5 (Original) 5. A chest fly box system as in claim 4, further comprising a fishing rod holder, said fishing rod holder being attached to said base piece.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A chest fly box system as in claim 4 3, characterized in that said fishing rod holder comprises rigid construction material.

Claim 7 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 6, characterized in that said fishing rod holder comprises a U-shaped trough having a length and a width, said length determining a horizontal length direction, a first open end, a second open end opposite said first open end in said length direction, a proximate upper edge adjacent said base piece, and a distal upper edge opposite said proximate upper edge.

Claim 8 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 7, characterized in that said distal upper edge, said proximate upper edge and said outer edge of said support plate are in a single horizontal plane when said outer surface of said vertical chest plate is in a vertical plane.

Claim 9 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 8, characterized in that said outer edge of said support plate and said proximate upper edge of said fishing rod holder are formed by a bend in a single piece of construction material.

Claim 10 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 9, characterized in that said bend comprises a right angle.

Claim 11 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 10, further characterized by fasteners that secure a pocket-sized fly box to said base piece when the pocket-sized fly box is in a vertical closed position and when it is in a horizontal flat position.

Claim 12 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 11, characterized in that said harness is attached to said inner edge of said support plate and said upper edge of said chest plate.

Claim 13 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 12, characterized by a first slot between said outer edge and said proximate upper edge adjacent to said first open end, and by a second slot between said outer edge and said proximate upper edge adjacent to said second open end, and characterized in that said harness comprises

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flexible material and has a chest portion for covering said chest surface of said chest plate, said chest portion having a top region and a bottom, a sleeve portion at said top region that encloses said upper edge of said chest plate, a first finger at said bottom having a first flange, and a second finger at said bottom having a second flange, said first finger located in said first slot and being secured by said first flange, and said second finger located in said second slot and being secured by said second flange.

Claim 14 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 13, characterized in that said sleeve portion, said first flange and said second flange comprise hook-and-loop fabric that attaches to corresponding pieces of hook-and-loop fabric on a pocket-sized fly box when said pocket-sized fly box is located in a vertical closed position on said support plate.

Claim 15 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 14, characterized in that said first flange and said second flange are rotatable 90 degrees about said outer edge of said support plate when a pocket-sized fly box to which said flanges are attached is rotated downward from a vertical closed position on said support plate to a horizontal flat position.

Claim 16 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 15, characterized in that said chest portion of said harness includes a pocket, said pocket having an opening at said top region.

Claim 17 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 16, characterized in that said harness further comprises: a first strap attached to said top region and having a female clip end, a second strap attached to said top region and having a male clip end, a first lateral tab attached to said bottom and having a male clip end, and a second lateral tab attached to said bottom and having a female clip end.

Claim 18 (Original) A chest fly box system as in claim 16, further comprising a pig-tail retractor attached to a side of said chest portion.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn) A chest fly box system as in claim 4, further comprising: a bottle holder for holding a bottle in a horizontal position, said bottle holder attached to said bottom surface of said support plate.

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Claim 20 (Withdrawn) A chest fly box system as in claim 19, characterized in that said bottle holder comprises neoprene rubber tubing having an inside diameter of 2.5 cm.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn) A chest fly box system as in claim 1, further comprising: a bottle holder for holding a bottle in a horizontal position, said bottle holder attached to said base piece.

Claim 22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (Previously Amended) A chest fly box system as in claim 1, characterized in that said fishing rod holder comprises a U-shaped trough.

Claim 24 (Previously Amended) A chest fly box system as in claim 1, characterized in that said fishing rod holder comprises a clamp.

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cancel 25. (Currently Amended) A portable system for holding, storing and transporting fishing equipment, comprising:

an integrated fly box support and a fishing rod holder made of a single piece of rigid material, said fishing rod holder configured to hold a fishing rod in a horizontal orientation while the inside of said fly box is being accessed;

a fastener adapted to releasably secure a fly box to said base piece so it the inside of said fly box can be accessed without removing it from said base piece and released from said base piece without using a tool; and

a hinge for permitting movement of said fly box from a horizontal to a vertical position.

Claims 26 – 39 (Canceled)

40. (Previously Added) A chest fly box as in claim 1 wherein said fastener is further adapted so that said fly box can be released from said base piece while all parts of said fastener remain attached to either said fly box or said base piece.

41. (Previously Added) A chest fly box as in claim 25 wherein said fastener is further adapted so that said fly box can be released from said base piece while all parts of said fastener remain attached to either said fly box or said base piece.

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